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NO-KNOCK WARRANT

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE



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INTRODUCTION

No-knock search warrants are sought by Minnesota law enforcement when an agency believes there is an investigative or safety reason to execute the warrant without prior notice, such as a knock on a door. As is the case with other search warrants, no-knock warrant applications are granted or denied by a judge.

Minnesota statute 626.14, subdivision 4 requires all law enforcement agencies that apply for a no-knock search warrant to report the following data to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) within three months.

- (1) The number of no-knock search warrants requested;
- (2) The number of no-knock search warrants the court issued;
- (3) The number of no-knock search warrants executed;
- (4) The number of injuries and fatalities suffered, if any, by peace officers and civilians in execution of no-knock search warrants; and
- (5) Any other information the commissioner requests.

This report fulfills the further requirement that DPS compile the data into a report for the Minnesota Legislature.

DPS does not hold data on the status of cases related to warrants (open/closed), nor on whether the warrants are sealed, or the undercover status of any officer involved with executing the warrants. Information in this report is provided with as much specificity as possible while assuming the possibility that at least one of these conditions exist.

BACKGROUND

Minnesota statute 626.14, subdivision 4 went into effect on September 1, 2021.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), a division of DPS, developed and provided a form to law enforcement agencies in November 2021 that enables law enforcement agencies that apply for no knock search warrants to report the data required by statute in a uniform manner.

The information provided to and compiled by the BCA in this report covers the reporting period September 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Some warrant applications are initially denied but, after the applicant provides additional information, are granted or again denied. In these circumstances this report contains information on the final submission and judge's decision.

This report includes both warrants for entry and non-entry execution. Non-entry no-knock warrants do not involve entry of a premises (i.e. for no-knock warrants involving mobile tracking device installation or K-9 sniffs).

NO-KNOCK WARRANT APPLICATION OUTCOME

This section of the report contains a by-agency listing of the number of applications made, issued by a judge, denied by a judge and executed. Agencies not listed in this report did not report any no-knock warrant data to the Department of Public Safety in 2021.

No-Knock Warrant Application by Agency

Agency Name	Agency ORI	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed
Austin Police Department	MN0500100	1	1	0	1
Blaine Police Department	MN0020200	1	1	0	1
Brooklyn Center Police Department	MN0270200	2	2	0	2
Brooklyn Park Police Department	MN0270300	3	3	0	3
Burnsville Police Department	MN0190100	1	1	0	1
Cass County Sheriff	MN0110000	2	2	0	2
Chisago County Sheriff	MN0130000	1	1	0	0
Clay County Sheriff	MN0140000	1	1	0	0
Crystal Police Department	MN0270400	2	2	0	2
Dakota County Sheriff	MN0190000	5	5	0	5
Douglas County Sheriff	MN0210000	2	2	0	2
Edina Police Department	MN0270600	3	3	0	2
Faribault Police Department	MN0660100	1	1	0	1
Hastings Police Department	MN0190300	2	2	0	2
Hennepin County Sheriff	MN0270000	16	15	1	12
Hopkins Police Department	MN0270900	1	1	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	MN0300000	4	4	0	4
Lakeville Police Department	MN0191100	2	2	0	2
Le Sueur County Sheriff	MN0400000	5	5	0	5
Maple Grove Police Department	MN0272700	1	1	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	MNDI02400	3	3	0	2
Minneapolis Police Department	MN0271100	44	43	1	33
New Hope Police Department	MN0271400	4	3	1	2
Northfield Police Department	MN0660200	3	3	0	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	MN0620000	1	1	0	1
Rice County Sheriff	MN0660000	1	1	0	0
Richfield Police Department	MN0271800	1	1	0	1
Rosemount Police Department	MN0190500	4	4	0	4
Savage Police Department	MN0700600	1	1	0	1
South St Paul Police Department	MN0190600	3	3	0	3
St Cloud Police Department	MN0730400	7	7	0	5
St Paul Police Department	MN0620900	1	1	0	1
Stearns County Sheriff	MN0730000	1	1	0	1
Todd County Sheriff	MN0770000	1	1	0	1
Winona County Sheriff	MN0850000	1	1	0	0
Statewide Total		132	129	3	105

NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTIONS BY PRIMARY OFFENSE AND AGENCY

This section of the report contains a by-agency listing of offenses related to executed no-knock search warrants. It also contains information about whether the evidence sought in the warrant was located.

No-Knock Warrant Executions by Primary Offense and Agency

Agency Name	Warrant Primary Offense	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed	Warrant Executions Where the Sought Evidence was Located
Austin Police Department	Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Blaine Police Department	Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
Brooklyn Center Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	1
	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1
Brooklyn Park Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	0
	Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
	Theft From Building	1	1	0	1	0
Burnsville Police Department	Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
Cass County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0	2	2
Crystal Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
	Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Dakota County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	5	0	5	5
Douglas County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
	Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	1	1
Edina Police Department	Robbery	3	3	0	2	1
Faribault Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Hastings Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0	2	2
Hennepin County Sheriff	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	1
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	7	6	1	4	4
	Robbery	1	1	0	1	1
	Weapon Law Violations	7	7	0	6	5
Isanti County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	4	4
Lakeville Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	2	0	2	2
Le Sueur County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	5	5	0	5	5
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	3	3	0	2	1
Minneapolis Police Department	Aggravated Assault	7	7	0	6	5
	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	1	0	1	1
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	3	0
	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	2	2	0	2	1
	Robbery	4	4	0	4	3
	Weapon Law Violations	25	24	1	17	13

NO-KNOCK WARRANT APPLICATION BY PRIMARY OFFENSE AND AGENCY

No-Knock Warrant Applications by Primary Offense and Agency *(continued)*

Agency Name	Warrant Primary Offense	Warrants Requested	Warrants Issued	Warrants Denied	Warrants Executed	Warrant Executions Where the Sought Evidence was Located
New Hope Police Department	Weapon Law Violations	2	2	0	2	2
Northfield Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	3	3	0	3	2
Ramsey County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Richfield Police Department	Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Rosemount Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	4	4
Savage Police Department	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
South St Paul Police Department	Aggravated Assault	2	2	0	2	1
	Weapon Law Violations	1	1	0	1	1
St Cloud Police Department	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	2
	Drug/Narcotic Violations	4	4	0	2	2
	Rape	1	1	0	1	1
	Robbery	1	1	0	1	0
St Paul Police Department	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	1	0
Stearns County Sheriff	Aggravated Assault	1	1	0	1	1
Todd County Sheriff	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0	1	1
Statewide Total		132	129	3	105	87

METHOD OF EXECUTION

All agencies that executed warrants contained in this report applied for and were granted no-knock warrants. However, not all warrants were ultimately executed. Others were executed, but not as a no-knock. Agencies may choose to not execute a warrant if the evidence/individual is no longer being sought. Agencies may determine it is no longer necessary to execute the warrant as a no-knock. This section of the report identifies the number of warrants that were executed by each agency as a no-knock, a knock and announce, and non-entry into a residence.

No-Knock Warrant Method of Execution

Agency Name	No-Knock Entry	Knock and Announce Entry	Non-Entry into a Premises (i.e. canine sniff, ion swab, vehicle tracker)
Austin Police Department	0	1	0
Blaine Police Department	1	0	0
Brooklyn Center Police Department	2	0	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	1	2	0
Burnsville Police Department	0	1	0
Cass County Sheriff	0	0	2
Crystal Police Department	1	0	1
Dakota County Sheriff	1	0	4
Douglas County Sheriff	2	0	0
Edina Police Department	2	0	0
Faribault Police Department	0	0	1
Hastings Police Department	1	0	1
Hennepin County Sheriff	9	1	2
Isanti County Sheriff	2	0	2
Lakeville Police Department	0	0	2
Le Sueur County Sheriff	0	0	5
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	0	0	2
Minneapolis Police Department	20	7	6
New Hope Police Department	2	0	0
Northfield Police Department	0	0	3
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	0	0
Richfield Police Department	1	0	0
Rosemount Police Department	0	0	4
Savage Police Department	0	0	1
South St Paul Police Department	2	1	0
St Cloud Police Department	5	0	0
St Paul Police Department	1	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	0	1	0
Todd County Sheriff	0	0	1
Statewide Total	54	14	37

NON-ENTRY WARRANT TYPES BY AGENCY

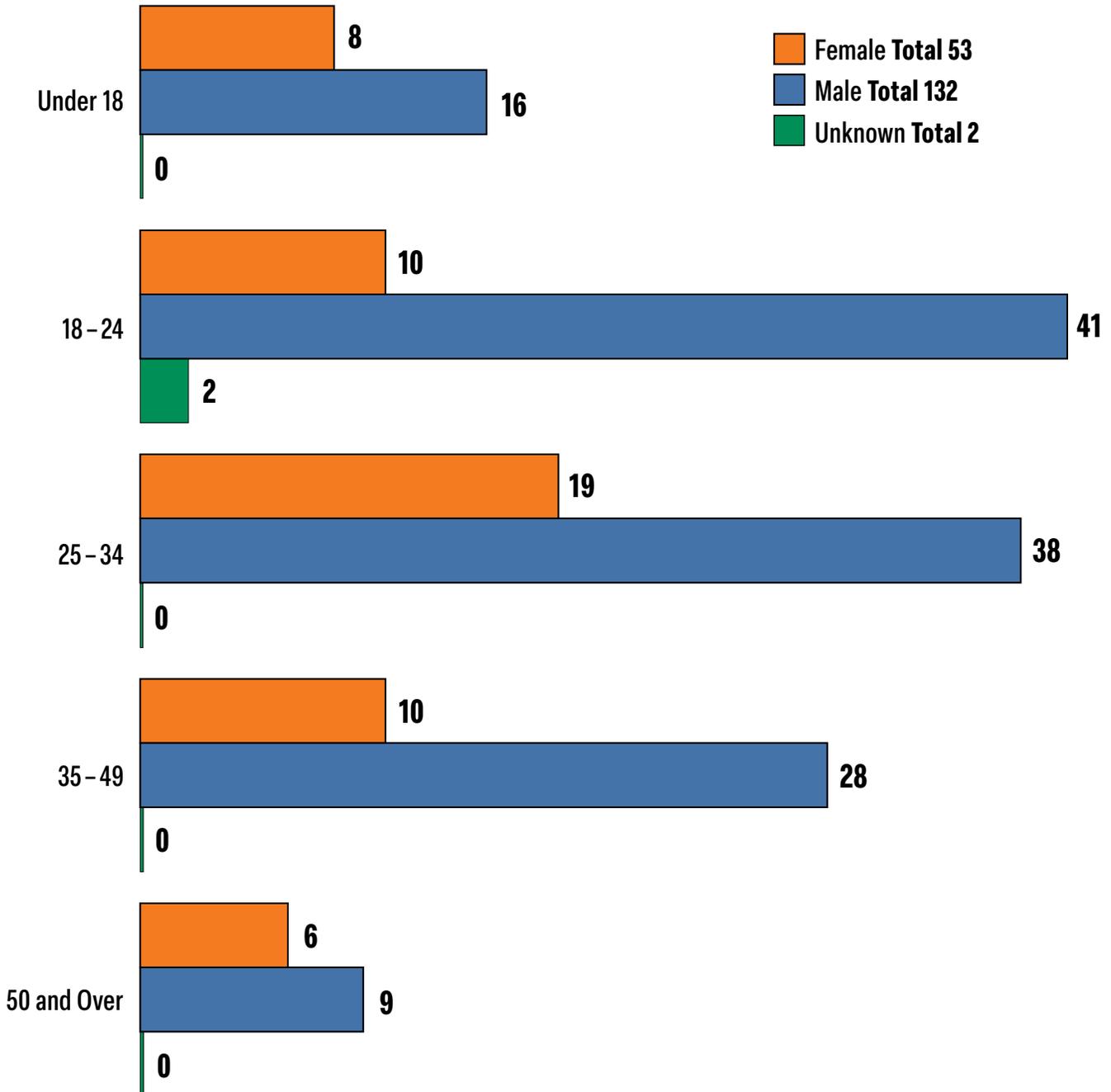
Investigators would not need to enter a residence if the purpose of the warrant is to search the property (versus the residence), attach a vehicle tracking device or swab a surface outside the residence. This section of the report lists non-entry warrants by agency and type.

Non-Entry Warrant Types by Agency

Agency Name	Police K-9 Sniff	Ion Swab	Vehicle Tracker	Other
Cass County Sheriff	0	0	1	1
Crystal Police Department	0	1	0	0
Dakota County Sheriff	0	2	2	0
Faribault Police Department	0	0	1	0
Hastings Police Department	0	1	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	2	0	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	0	0	2	0
Lakeville Police Department	0	1	1	0
Le Sueur County Sheriff	0	4	1	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	0	1	1	0
Minneapolis Police Department	6	0	0	0
Northfield Police Department	0	2	1	0
Rosemount Police Department	0	4	0	0
Savage Police Department	0	0	1	0
Todd County Sheriff	0	0	1	0
Statewide Total	8	16	12	1

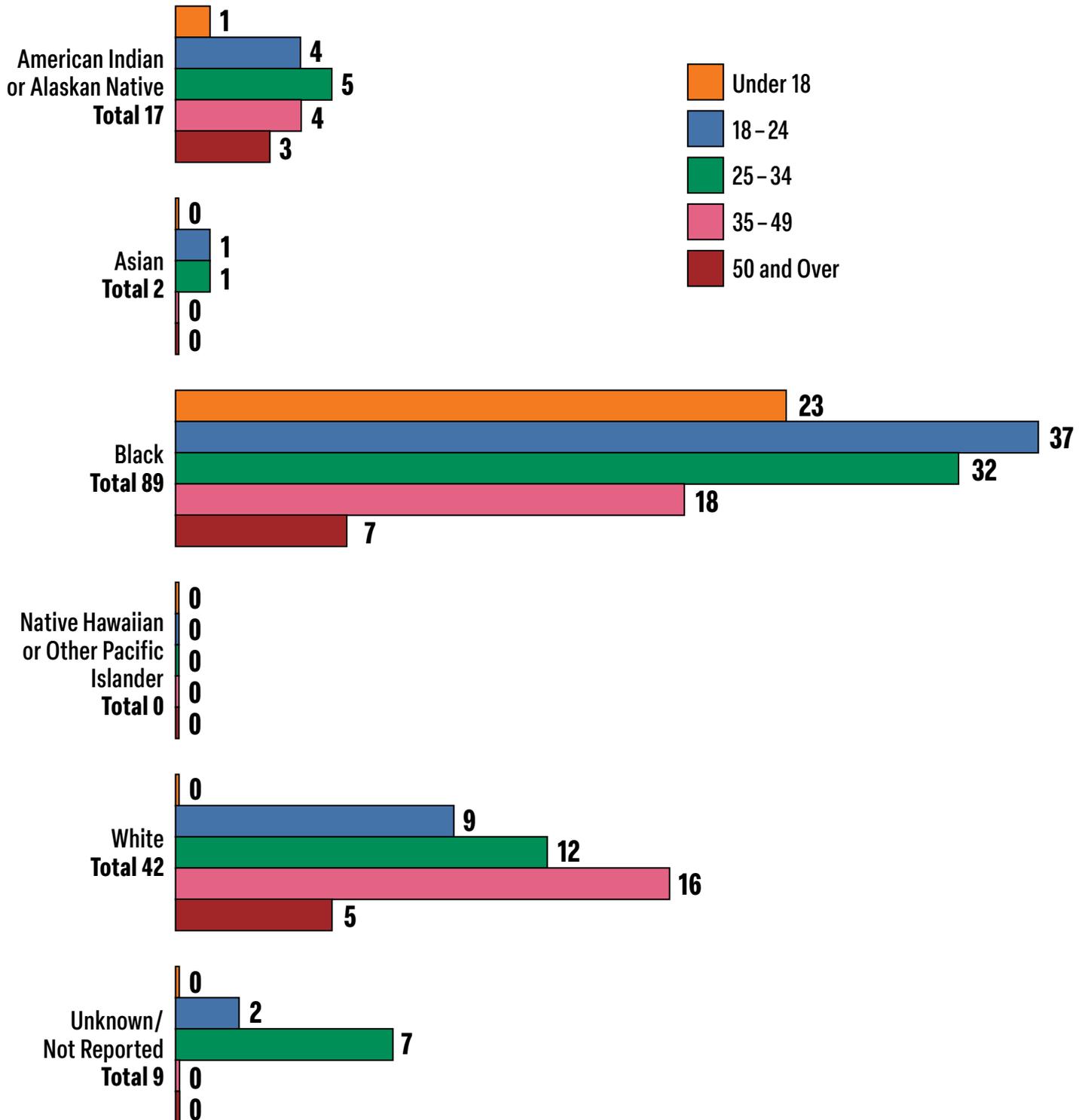
SUBJECT AGE AND SEX

This section of the report contains age and gender information about the subject of no-knock search warrants, or the subject of the primary incident that led to the warrant application.



SUBJECT AGE AND RACE

This section of the report contains information about the age and race of the subject of a no-knock search warrant, or the subject of the primary incident that led to the warrant application, if known. Ethnicity data, including data on Hispanic or non-Hispanic Caucasian ethnicities, was not collected from agencies for this report.



NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTED CITY

During some investigations no-knock warrants are executed in other cities. This section of the report contains a by-agency list of the cities where the warrants were executed.

No-Knock Warrant by Executed City

Agency Name	Warrants Executed	Warrant Execution City
Austin Police Department	1	Austin
Blaine Police Department	1	Blaine
Brooklyn Center Police Department	2	Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park Police Department	3	Brooklyn Park
Burnsville Police Department	1	Burnsville
Cass County Sheriff	2	Pillager
Crystal Police Department	1	Crystal
	1	Savage
Dakota County Sheriff	1	Burnsville
	3	St. Paul
	1	West St. Paul
Douglas County Sheriff	1	Alexandria
	1	Carlos
Edina Police Department	1	Minneapolis
	1	Brooklyn Park
Faribault Police Department	1	Waseca
Hastings Police Department	1	Hastings
	1	Minneapolis
Hennepin County Sheriff	1	Apple Valley
	1	Bloomington
	1	Brooklyn Center
	1	Eden Prairie
	7	Minneapolis
	1	St. Louis Park
Isanti County Sheriff	1	Brooklyn Center
	1	Coon Rapids
	2	Willow River
Lakeville Police Department	2	St. Paul
Le Sueur County Sheriff	1	Kasota
	2	Montgomery
	1	Rural New Prague
	1	Waterville
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	2	Onamia

NO-KNOCK WARRANT EXECUTED CITY

No-Knock Warrant by Executed City *(continued)*

Agency Name	Warrants Executed	Warrant Execution City
Minneapolis Police Department	2	Bloomington
	26	Minneapolis
	1	New Brighton
	3	Robbinsdale
	1	St. Louis Park
New Hope Police Department	2	New Hope
Northfield Police Department	3	Northfield
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	Mound
Richfield Police Department	1	Richfield
Rosemount Police Department	3	Rosemount
	1	Burnsville
Savage Police Department	1	Savage
South St Paul Police Department	3	South St. Paul
St Cloud Police Department	5	St. Cloud
St Paul Police Department	1	North St. Paul
Stearns County Sheriff	1	Belgrade
Todd County Sheriff	1	Henning
Statewide Total	105	

NO-KNOCK WARRANT APPLICATION BY TASK FORCE

No-knock search warrants may be applied for and executed by law enforcement personnel who are working on behalf of their own agency or who are assigned to work as part of a law enforcement task force. This section of the report contains information about warrant applications made by a law enforcement agency employee that were ultimately executed by or in partnership with a law enforcement task force.

Executed No-Knock Warrant Application Involving Task Force

Agency Name	Warrants Executed	Task Force Name
Brooklyn Center Police Department	1	Other / Hennepin County SWAT
Crystal Police Department	2	Northwest Metro Drug Task Force
Dakota County Sheriff	5	Dakota County Drug Task Force
Douglas County Sheriff	1	West Central MN Violent Crime Task Force
Faribault Police Department	1	Cannon River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force
Hastings Police Department	2	Dakota County Drug Task Force
Hennepin County Sheriff	9	Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force
	3	Southwest Hennepin Drug Task Force
Isanti County Sheriff	4	East Central Drug Task Force
Lakeville Police Department	2	Dakota County Drug Task Force
Le Sueur County Sheriff	5	Cannon River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force
New Hope Police Department	2	West Metro Drug Task Force
Northfield Police Department	3	Cannon River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	Ramsey County VCET
Rosemount Police Department	4	Dakota County Drug Task Force
St Cloud Police Department	2	Central Minnesota VOTF
Todd County Sheriff	1	West Central MN Violent Crime Task Force
Statewide Total	48	

SUBJECT RESISTANCE

This section contains agency totals on whether the subject resisted arrest.

Executed No-Knock Warrant Subject Resistance

Agency Name	Subjects Not Resisting Police	Subjects Resisting Police
Austin Police Department	0	1
Blaine Police Department	1	0
Brooklyn Center Police Department	1	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	3	0
Burnsville Police Department	1	0
Cass County Sheriff	2	0
Crystal Police Department	2	0
Dakota County Sheriff	5	0
Douglas County Sheriff	1	1
Edina Police Department	1	1
Faribault Police Department	1	0
Hastings Police Department	2	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	23	0
Isanti County Sheriff	5	0
Lakeville Police Department	2	0
Le Sueur County Sheriff	5	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	2	0
Minneapolis Police Department	71	0
New Hope Police Department	28	0
Northfield Police Department	3	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	0
Richfield Police Department	2	0
Rosemount Police Department	4	0
Savage Police Department	1	0
South St Paul Police Department	3	0
St Cloud Police Department	10	0
St Paul Police Department	0	1
Stearns County Sheriff	1	0
Todd County Sheriff	1	0
Statewide Total	182	4

SUBJECT INJURY INDICATED

This section contains the number of warrant subjects who died, were injured or were not injured during a warrant execution.

Executed No-Knock Warrant Subject Injury Indicated

# Uninjured Subjects	Uninjured Subjects	Injured Subjects	Fatally Injured Subjects
Austin Police Department	0	1	0
Blaine Police Department	1	0	0
Brooklyn Center Police Department	1	0	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	3	0	0
Burnsville Police Department	1	0	0
Cass County Sheriff	2	0	0
Crystal Police Department	2	0	0
Dakota County Sheriff	5	0	0
Douglas County Sheriff	2	0	0
Edina Police Department	2	0	0
Faribault Police Department	1	0	0
Hastings Police Department	2	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	23	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	5	0	0
Lakeville Police Department	2	0	0
Le Sueur County Sheriff	5	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	2	0	0
Minneapolis Police Department	71	0	0
New Hope Police Department	28	0	0
Northfield Police Department	3	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	1	0	0
Richfield Police Department	2	0	0
Rosemount Police Department	4	0	0
Savage Police Department	1	0	0
South St Paul Police Department	3	0	0
St Cloud Police Department	10	0	0
St Paul Police Department	1	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	1	0	0
Todd County Sheriff	1	0	0
Statewide Total	185	1	0

TYPE OF OTHER INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED

This section of the report identifies the number of civilians (adult and juvenile) who were in the residence when the warrant was executed but were not identified in the warrant as a person being sought. The number of officers and police K-9s present during the warrant execution (either directly or peripherally involved) are provided here as well.

No-Knock Warrant Executed Type of Other Individual Involved

Agency Name	Peace Officer	Police K-9	Civilian Adult	Civilian Juvenile
Austin Police Department	31	0	3	0
Blaine Police Department	1	1	0	0
Brooklyn Center Police Department	2	0	0	3
Brooklyn Park Police Department	18	0	8	2
Burnsville Police Department	5	0	0	0
Cass County Sheriff	2	0	1	0
Crystal Police Department	2	0	0	0
Dakota County Sheriff	28	0	3	3
Douglas County Sheriff	21	0	0	0
Edina Police Department	16	0	5	4
Faribault Police Department	1	0	0	0
Hastings Police Department	2	0	2	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	226	7	16	12
Isanti County Sheriff	11	1	0	0
Lakeville Police Department	2	0	0	0
Le Sueur County Sheriff	5	0	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	6	0	0	0
Minneapolis Police Department	371	8	12	12
New Hope Police Department	8	0	9	3
Northfield Police Department	3	0	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	6	0	0	0
Richfield Police Department	14	0	0	0
Rosemount Police Department	4	0	0	0
Savage Police Department	2	0	0	0
South St Paul Police Department	3	0	0	0
St Cloud Police Department	122	4	12	3
St Paul Police Department	21	1	5	0
Stearns County Sheriff	6	0	0	0
Todd County Sheriff	4	0	0	0
Statewide Total	943	22	76	42

OTHER INVOLVED INJURY INDICATED

This section contains the number of civilians (adult and juvenile), officers and police K-9s who died, were injured or were not injured during a warrant execution.

Executed No-Knock Warrant Other Involved Injury Indicated

Agency Name	Other Involved – Not Injured	Other Involved – Injured	Other Involved – Fatality
Austin Police Department	34	0	0
Blaine Police Department	2	0	0
Brooklyn Center Police Department	5	0	0
Brooklyn Park Police Department	28	0	0
Burnsville Police Department	5	0	0
Cass County Sheriff	3	0	0
Crystal Police Department	2	0	0
Dakota County Sheriff	34	0	0
Douglas County Sheriff	21	0	0
Edina Police Department	25	0	0
Faribault Police Department	1	0	0
Hastings Police Department	4	0	0
Hennepin County Sheriff	261	0	0
Isanti County Sheriff	12	0	0
Lakeville Police Department	2	0	0
Le Sueur County Sheriff	5	0	0
Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department	6	0	0
Minneapolis Police Department	403	0	0
New Hope Police Department	20	0	0
Northfield Police Department	3	0	0
Ramsey County Sheriff	6	0	0
Richfield Police Department	14	0	0
Rosemount Police Department	4	0	0
Savage Police Department	2	0	0
South St Paul Police Department	2	1	0
St Cloud Police Department	141	0	0
St Paul Police Department	27	0	0
Stearns County Sheriff	6	0	0
Todd County Sheriff	4	0	0
Statewide Total	1,082	1	0

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